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Political Pointed Paragraphs

Lawton, Okla., Oct. 17.—The appointment of Jake Hamon of Lawton as a member of the state election board is said by Frank Wright, editor of the News Republican, to have met the approval of the republicans of this county. Since Hamon's usefulness as a citizen of the county has never been questioned from the standpoint of purely commercial interests, his reputation as a politician is frequently overlooked in the heat of the strifes of progress. He controlled Bird McGuire in territorial days. He was practically McGuire's dictator, and McGuire did anything in his power to favor Hamon in the matter of legislation and departmental rulings affecting southwest Oklahoma, hence Lawton was the recipient of a great many gifts from the government the like of which no other city of the state has ever received.

As a "good fellow" Hamon is well out a superior. As a politician he grades excellent. As a town booster he is marked 100 per cent. As a good fellow, as a politician and as a town booster he has acquired property valued in the tens of thousands. He is master of the art of manipulation. When he needs money, he gets it. When he needs support, he gets it. He is like a brother to a friend. As a lawyer he lacks depth of thought, but he has been successful in the courts. Brazen effrontery and bull-dozing are his most effective weapons there. He has a smile of uncommon delineation that is impressive in its breadth and manner of manipulation. He walks a gait that distinguishes him in any gathering and possesses a mischievous eye that commands a reckoning. He is a good natured loser and retires with a pronouncement that another day he will come into his own.

Appointment Splits Party.

Hamon's appointment as a member of the state election board has split the republican party wide open so far as actual sentiment is concerned. What the outcome will be is problematical. One class of republicans commended Governor Haskell's action, on the ground that it is a reward of merit. Another class hold that it is a debt that Haskell owes Hamon. Still another class now positively refuse to have further to do with Chairman Jim Harris. Hamon is Harris' personal friend and legal adviser. They have been on many a round together in Oklahoma City, in Guthrie, in Muskogee, in Washington, and in other places. They think alike, act alike, look alike and frequently hold closed-door conferences on political and business matters. The appointment has plunged Oklahoma republicanism into a mass of enigmas from which extrication is necessary to any sort of a respectable showing in this campaign.

He Stands Accused.

"Why didn't Hamon refuse to serve?" asked local republicans who

in the hope of the dawn of a better day for the party.

"We are in a duce of a fix as a party in Oklahoma," said a republican. "Roosevelt has endorsed practically everything in the Oklahoma constitution and gone on record against the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The standpat machine in Oklahoma has gone on record as opposed to practically everything the democrats have accomplished and jubilantly endorsed the tariff law. Could there be a wider breach between the Taft followers and the Roosevelt follower in Oklahoma? Roosevelt wants Harris to lose and every true disciple of Roosevelt in Oklahoma wants Harris to lose. Roosevelt would be in a fix if he should come to Oklahoma and tell the republicans to elect standpat congressmen and then go into Indiana and ask republicans to elect progressive senators. He would look well as a great reformer coming to Oklahoma and endorsing the republican platform, some of the principles of which he has so stoutly denounced in speeches in the east and west. Roosevelt may be charged with inconsistency but he could never be as inconsistent as that."

Not Necessary to Steal.

"No necessity exists for stealing this election from the republicans. In the primary the democrats polled 125,000 votes and the republicans 80,000. The grandfather clause has eliminated 20,000 republican votes, thus leaving the republicans over 60,000 in the minority. We can't win by the present methods that a man can devise. Then what's the use of the state chairman compromising the party by declaring himself pleased with the appointment of Hamon? Haskell is not to blame for it. We are too anxious to throw calumny when a democratic governor acts. This is true particularly in this administration. We fail to place the responsibility always where it belongs in matters of politics. We ought to be fair once in a while, even in the heat of a campaign."

Southwest Progressive.

Throughout southwest Oklahoma nearly every citizen is a champion of progressive politics of government. This section is new. It welcomes immigration, a healthful growth and a reasonable amount of prosperity. Under the democratic administration it has been granted state institutions, its schools have progressed and wise laws have contributed to the development of great industrial and commercial institutions. No necessity exists for a change of administration and the people do not demand it. Prosperity has decreased the effectiveness of the distribution of socialist propaganda and the country is filled with a satisfied people.

Insurgents Expect Republicans Defeat. The refusal of Theodore Roosevelt to visit Oklahoma at the invitation of Chairman Harris has contributed to the contempt in which insurgents of southwest Oklahoma hold Harris as a political leader. There are many Rough Riders in the new country and many progressives in the party aside from Rough Riders. Removing all other considerations, if they fight, they prefer to await the defeat of Harris

Carter Has Been True.

Carter himself is of Indian blood. He was born and reared in the Indian Territory and his very heart beats in unison with the heart beats of his fellow citizens of Indian blood. In his career as a member of congress he has never been charged with deserv-

ing the cause of the Indians. He has made no mistakes on which the republicans can hang a hope for his defeat. Quiet, painstaking, conservative, he has gone about his duties in Washington with an eye single to the best interests of his district, making no discrimination between the white people and Indian people but carefully guarding the welfare of the weaker of the two.

Carter was removed from the house committee on Indian affairs because he would not do the bidding of Speaker Cannon. Congressman McGuire of the First district was largely responsible for the change. "Take Carter off that committee," said McGuire to Cannon, "in order that I may get more credit for passing bills relating to the Indians and I promise to keep Creager and Morgan in line. 'The ambition of McGuire had its day. Carter was removed and the welfare of the Indians was placed in the hands of a member of congress from former Oklahoma Territory who had little knowledge of affairs in the Five Civilized nations."

The Gore expose and the investigation that followed made paramount two faults in the Fourth district; the Indians hereafter will look to the Oklahoma delegation in congress, five representatives and two senators, for measures looking to the closing of tribal affairs and granting all reasonable demands of the tribes; the McMurray contract system is at an end with it the days of the big fees and lurid promises of men who have more interest in the dollars they can accumulate from the Indian funds than in the real welfare of the Indians themselves. The contract system is thoroughly discredited, and to Senator Gore democrats and republicans alike, at heart, give all the credit.

Gore ushered in the days of square dealing with the Indian. No measure hereafter will be railroaded through congress that effects the welfare of the Indians of Oklahoma, but the man of honor who represents the district will be given a better hearing and a more earnest consideration, and wise legislation will have easier sailing. These facts are so patent that democrats and republicans are agreed that Carter is the safest and best man to represent them. It is the dawn of new era in Indian affairs and the Indian Carter, against whom there are charges and in whom there is no guile, stands at the threshold of a great career where are recorded the deeds of those who have been most instrumental in raising a down-trodden race to a high plane in the civilization of the twentieth century.

"The Squaw Man," which comes to the Auditorium soon is, without doubt, the best play Edwin Milton Royle ever wrote. The story is interesting throughout the entire four acts and there is not a moment, from the rise to the fall of the curtain, when the interest of the spectator flags. The characters are all taken from life and are a correct portrayal of the people who go to make up the inhabitants of Utah.

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